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## SCHOOL TAXES, PART II

Last month's article dealt with the school tax in relationship to how many dollars of the total school tax must be paid by each town in the school district. To refresh your minds, the actual number of dollars that must be raised by taxpayers for the 1990/91 school tax year is \$1,832,425.89 in Hague and \$2,353,774.11 in Ticonderoga. These amounts are established by the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment (E & A).

This month's article deals with how our individual tax responsibility is calculated.

Most of us are only concerned with how many dollars we pay for school tax. Assume that I convince the Hague assessors that my property is over assessed by 10% and obtain a 10% reduction in my assessment. For each property owner who obtains a reduced assessment, the tax burden on the other property owners increases. Now assume that every Hague property owner gets a 10% reduction in his individual assessment. The tax rate per 1,000 of assessment would increase from \$59.70 to \$66.33 per thousand and the actual number of dollars each of us would pay would remain the same. E & A says that Hague must pay \$1,832,425.89 towards the cost of running the Ticonderoga District School; if we had a benevolent person who was willing to write a (good) check for \$1,832,425.89, payable to the Ticonderoga School District on behalf of the Hague tax papers, the rest of us would pay NO SCHOOL TAX! Since we live in the real world and not a dream world, our Hague assessors determine how much each property owner in Hague must pay of the total school tax that the State Board of Equalization and Assessment determines is the responsibility of Hague.

The assessors job is to assess each property in a fair and equitable manner. Everyone is entitled to check the accuracy of the information upon which their assessment is based and to compare their assessment to the assessment on similar properties. If you find that your property is assessed at a higher percentage of value than the average of all other properties on the same assessment roll, you may claim an une-

qual assessment. A booklet is available at the Hague Community Center which will provide you with your rights and opportunities to review your property assessments and to guide you through the grievance process should you decide to challenge your assessment.

A final note - the number of Hague students enrolled in the Ticonderoga Central School District has NO bearing on the amount of school tax that Hague is required to pay to the district school. Even if we didn't have a single child attending school, we would still be required to pay **ONE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS and 89 CENTS** to the Ticonderoga Central School District. . AC

## ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 6, 1990

Although there are no local officials up for election, two big items are on the ballot which are very important to the town of Hague. First we will be asked to vote on whether we want a single assessor for the town instead of three elected assessors. The town board has carefully considered this for a long time and made a resolution at its September meeting to put it on the ballot for the voters to decide. The Town Board endorses a yes vote.

The other issue at stake is the Environmental Bond Issue, which is a controversial subject, to say the least. The Board is urging a NO vote on this issue. The polls will be open from 6AM - 9PM in the Community Center. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning and sandwiches and soup for lunch - all sponsored by the Hague Volunteer Fire Department.

## WEATHER NOTES

A wonderfully warm October so far. Harvest moon on the third was spectacular. Frost warning on Oct. 17 - but no frost! A high of 82° on Oct 12. Rain, rain and more rain for the past week. We've sure been saving on fuel bills!

## HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Hague Volunteer Fire Department served its annual ham dinner at the Silver Bay Association on Saturday, October 6 by candlelight and generator powered electricity because the electric power failed just minutes before serving time and remained failed for several hours.

The Fire Department wishes to thank The Silver Bay Association for the use of its facilities, for the advice and help of its staff, and for the labor of many volunteers, and for all the pies donated by the supportive members of our community. The money earned by this endeavor will go to the new ambulance fund. THANK YOU each and every one.

A reminder that on Election Day, November 6, the Fire Department will be serving doughnuts and coffee all morning long at the Community Center, and that soup and sandwiches will be served at lunch time. Vote and then join your friends over the coffee cups and soup bowls. . . EA

## CUB SCOUT PACK 21 NEWS

Pack 21 would like to welcome our new Cubs who will now make up Den #3. Ryan Lawrence, Josh Plass and Tyler Wells were Tiger Cubs last year. Kenny and Kevin Stonitsch will be joining them for the fun and adventure of becoming Wolf scouts. Their willing and able leaders will be Kay and Walt Wells and Patricia and Rich Stonitsch. Have fun!

On Friday, September 21 (a fitting day for Pack 21) we kicked in the new season with a fun and food-filled afternoon in the perfect spot, Hutchinson's Field (Thanks, Sandy and Willy!) Now that we're in gear, Den #1 is working on the Bear rank. We believe we're ready for emergencies, especially if they require a bucket brigade. We congratulate Greg Fitzgerald for achieving the rank of Wolf.

Den #21 have all earned the Organ Donor Awareness patch, learning about a vital subject. Jimmy Ward has achieved Wolf rank and Thor Gautreau worked over his summer vacation to earn Bear rank. Good going guys!

A special thank you to all the bottle and can donators (especially the DeFrancos!); those nickels add up! We certainly welcome donations of this kind as it helps with all scouting activities. Call 543-6590 (Costellos) if you need pick-up.

Our favorite (?) holiday will be celebrated by a Cub Scout Halloween Party at the Hague Community Center on Saturday, October 27 from 6:30 til 8:00 PM. All Pack 21 Cubs and family members are welcome. Don't forget your costumes! . . . KC

## WANTED

Clifton West, town historian, would like copies of the Hague Central School yearbooks dating before 1967 and after 1976. Other items on his "wish list" are a copy of the book on Graphite by Wilford Ross; a bracket for bracket lamp, any small articles suitable to put on shelves in the historical museum in the Town Center and a cow bell.

The museum is coming along nicely, thanks to a lot of effort by Mr. West and others. Stop by sometime when you are in the Community Center and enjoy!

## HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The next meeting of the Hague Senior Citizens Club will be held on MONDAY, October 22. We plan to go to the Frenchman's Restaurant in Crown Point. This will be a car-pooling trip, and we will leave the Community Center parking lot at 11:20AM. You **MUST** register for this trip by calling 543-6161. We have to let the restaurant know by Oct. 17 how many of us are coming, so you'd better register as soon as you read this if you wish to go. We must guarantee 20, as the restaurant will open up especially for us on this day. We will order from the

menu. Don't forget - your driver will appreciate a contribution for gasoline expenses for this trip.

After the meal, we will return to the Community Center for our customary meeting. . . EA

## HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Society's October meeting will be held Thursday the 18th at The Hague Community Center. Social time is at 7:30PM., business meeting at 8:00PM, followed immediately by the program. A presentation on the Graphite mines of Hague will be narrated by President Robert Cole with slides of some old mine photos and anecdotes gleaned over the years. A discussion will be opened following the presentation. Comments by those present will be appreciated.

Thirty five members and guests travelled to the Sagamore Lodge Adirondack Great Camp near Racquette Lake on September 6. A frequent comment was how much this opportunity was appreciated - a guided tour of a very historic site. The party went on to the Farmer Restaurant in Old Forge for a very pleasant lunch.

Another golden opportunity was made available by Dr. and Mrs. Sandy Lamb and Marcus Merrill of Old Wardsborough who gave a guided tour of that former hamlet. Nineteen members and guests made that tour on Thursday, October 4. The rain held off until after the caravan had seen a large number of sites and finished at the 120 year old farmhouse of the Lambs where the hostess served hot cider and freshly cooked muffins. The group then repaired to the Rye Field Restaurant in Bolton for lunch and a guided tour of the Bolton Historical Society Building (the old Catholic Church) by its curator Mrs. Thomas Curry (former Hague teacher). Many favorable comments were received on this trip and the opportunity to have two such events within a month.

Come see what we have to offer on October 18.

## BLACK WATCH LIBRARY

The Friends of the Black Watch Library is presenting *Time Slices of the 30's* program at 7:30PM on October 17 at the library, Montcalm St., Ticonderoga. Hedda Garza, writer from Chestertown will be the leader.

## MOHICAN HOME BUREAU

The next meeting will be held on November 6th, Election Day. Members will participate in the Firemen's annual Election Day luncheon following the meeting.

The following meeting will be held on November 20. The projects are beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

## HAGUE EMERGENCY CALLS

After a very quiet three weeks the Emergency Squad spent a very busy week. Within one week they answered five calls, totalling 182 miles and 27 1/2 patient hours.

## LYME DISEASE AND YOUR DOG

An excellent information flyer entitled "Lyme Disease and Your Dog" by Catherine Reeve, Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Agent of Suffolk County is available by contacting the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office, Warren County, Schroon River Road, HCR 02, Box 23B, Warrensburg, NY: 12885 or call 1-800-446-5572.

*An expert is a man who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today.*

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Meeting scheduled for September 27 was cancelled due to lack of agenda.

TOWN BOARD - OCTOBER 9, 1990

Several construction companies and two electrical companies' bids for the construction of the re-cycling center (cement foundation and building) located at the present landfill, were opened and are subject to review. The bid accepted will be announced at a later date.

In Communications and Petitions:

1) North Country Life Flight requested a financial donation but with reduced town revenues Supervisor Bolton said we are not in a position to make a commitment and will suggest a county donation.

2) Hague has challenged the 1990 Census for our town. A recount will be under way soon.

3) Grant application has been made to the Environmental Quality Bond Act and Hague hopes for \$30,000.

4) Still working on school tax rate but not progressing much. A new approach could be a request for one school district with one tax rate. But you all know the state moves slowly!

5) Letter from Public Works contains suggestions for solving Overbrook Rd. Ext. drainage problems. A second letter, also from Public Works, again made suggestions to the Highway Dept. after inspecting Dodd Hill Rd., Bass Bay Rd., Pine Cove Rd., Battle Hill Rd. and Split Rock Rd., all with drainage problems after heavy rains. Improvement will be made over a period of several years since each of these improvements are extensive and expensive jobs.

6) Lake George Park Commission sent a draft of an agreement that makes changes in the waste water regulations. After a check with town attorney, John Silvestri, a motion was passed approving Supervisor Bolton's authority to sign same. No fees will be charged in Hague because inspections, site visits, etc. will be done by the town. John Breitenbach, Jr. is in charge of the program. Reports must be made to L.G.P.C.

7) Warren County Recycling program informs us that the grant application for landfill closures is up to two million dollars.

Committees report that we have long range planning for Community Center. There is a new roof on Chamber building. (Did you also notice the well-placed, well-lit telephone?) We will have grant for bass tournament and arts fair next year.

New Business:

Resolution #19 was passed unanimously in which the polling place was designated. It will be the Hague Community Center.

A public hearing will be held on October 30 at 6:30PM on the preliminary budget.

A disappointing note: For the first time in years our revenues are down. ....GL

PLANNING BOARD - 10/4-90

Public hearings on three minor subdivisions began at 7PM:

1. J. Graham Michael's application to subdivide his property on Friends Point. The proposed lot exceeds the minimum dimensions required by the zoning ordinance.

2. Sherwood and Gardner Finley proposal to include a portion of a west side 9N lot with a lakeshore parcel to be used as a site for a septic system. Location of a neighbor's well and a 20 family water line was introduced as new information concerning the proposed site for a septic system. Subdivision was tabled until proximity of water supplies to proposed septic system was determined.

3. Mrs. M. Sharp's application for a subdivision was tabled since an application for a subdivision from her neighbors, the

the Gosselinks, owners of the land to be subdivided, had not been received.

Regular meeting opened at 7:30PM.

Michael's two-lot subdivision was approved with conditions:

1. Soil conditions evaluated for septic suitability and 2. the septic tank located on the new lot to be disconnected from the leaching field situated on the adjoining lot.

John Caffry, attorney for Mr. Michael, presented a proposal to further divide Mr. Michael's land under Section 8.020, "Gifts, Divises and Inheritances." The third lot would be approximately 6/10th of an acre with 100+ feet of shoreline. A pre-existing boat slip would be less than 10 ft. from the proposed new side lot line. The matter was referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an interpretation of whether the boatslip constitutes a dock.

The 6.19 Ac. subdivision from 81.8 acres of land owned by George May to David May was approved under section 8.020.

Planning Administrator, John Breitenbach, Jr., informed the Board that the County Clerk has agreed to require a certificate of zoning compliance from Hague, prior to accepting a deed for land in Hague, for filing. This was done to protect individuals from inadvertently creating illegal lots.

The request of Jim Ward, Jr. to enlarge the boat storage units on the Rt. 8 property was denied. The proposed expansion would exceed the square footage that is allowable.

Mr. Breitenbach, Jr. reported that suitable soil conditions had been found for a septic system on the Hatfield's Pine Cove property. The Board approved the Hatfield's plan to construct a new residence, providing that property lot lines are verified to provide an area for a septic system that conforms to our zoning code.

The Board approved the DeLarm-Ginn transfer of building rights contingent upon conforming to all other zoning regulations. Z.B.A. to be asked to write a building right definition.

George and Gloria Hawkins received conceptual approval for a 4-lot subdivision of their 59+ acres on Dodd Hill Road with the condition that no lot be less than 1.1 acres, the minimum size allowable in their zoning district.

Meeting closed at 10PM ... AC

SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION AND HAGUE COMMUNITY

Mark Johnson, Executive Director of Silver Bay Conference Center held a small meeting on the morning of Oct. 6 to exchange ideas with representatives from various areas of Hague.

Johnson expressed the interest that Silver Bay has in making itself better known to year-round and summer residents and the need for wider inter-communication. In answer to questions and in a follow-up letter Johnson expressed these points:

It is clear that there is still a lot of uncertainty about the nature and purpose of Silver Bay - the YMCA Conference Center. We will seek every opportunity to communicate with our neighbors about the nature of our services and the opportunity for membership and participation in the Association.

We plan to schedule a community wide Open House early in the summer of 1991 and seek to involve the whole community in celebrating our 90th anniversary in 1992. We seek to distribute our summer weekly newsletter through the local general stores and the post offices. We hope to devise improved methods of announcing program activities (through church bulletins, for example). We need to review the pricing structure of our program fees to assure the options are available which reflect logical and reasonable use of Silver Bay offerings.

We will continue to look for opportunities to bring together representatives of all area property owner groups to discuss issues of shared interest such as sewerage systems and recycling programs.

PARTY BRIDGE

If there is anyone out there interested in starting a party bridge group to wile away some long winter nights - get in touch with Katy Koenig, 543-6149. She is looking for partners who enjoy playing the game, but are not experts.

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

On October 11, 1990, an evening meeting took place at the Hague Community Center for the Prevention of Crime. It was an interesting slide show at which Ben Driscoll, Community Action, presided with the help of a young lady officer from the Sheriff's Patrol. Mr. Driscoll will be happy to take this show "on the road" to any group requesting it. Day groups might enjoy this as part of a meeting. Anyone interested, call Mr. Driscoll at (518) 793-0636, Glens Falls, between 9AM and 5PM, Monday through Friday.

FLU SHOTS

It's that time of year again and flu shots for residents of Warren County, Town of Hague, will be given on October 31 from 1 - 2PM at the Community Center. All senior citizens and others with respiratory problems are eligible to receive shots.

FOREST BAY PROPERTY OWNERS ELECT

At the August meeting of the Forest Bay Property Owners' Asscciation, officers and directors were elected as follows:

President: Robert Wotton, succeeding Robert Mayer who has held the post over the past three years.

Vice President: Andrew McCarville

Secretary/Treasurer: John Toner, who held the post last year  
Driscoll at: Kenneth Engler, Jr. and Herman Rogg.

STAR REGATTA

On the weekend of September 15 and 16, the Northern Lake George Yacht Club was host to 32 Star Class sailboats in the annual Lake George Open Regatta. Boats came from the Finger Lakes Region, New Jersey and the Connecticut Coast.

Saturday was a "wild and wooly" day with a cold front that provided very puffy southwest winds averaging 13 to 15MPH with gusts to 25 to 30MPH. It was a true test of skippers, crews, and their boats. Two boats lost their masts, one boat broke its boom and one nearly sank! Bob Mayer of the local club had one of the broken masts, and Bob Phelps, also of the local club, was on the sinker with his wife Holly. They were rescued by Irv DeGraff and divers on the scene helped to make the boat ready to be towed.

Sunday was the complete opposite with a very light east wind which provided a true test of the Race Committee in setting the race course.

On the plus side the winners were as follows: First Race, Andy Ivey and crew Kip Gardner of Lake Sunapee; Second Race, Bob Wescott and Rip Eberling of Seneca Lake; Third Race, John Chiarell and Natty Cook, also of Lake Sunapee

In the overall series, which is based on total points earned for the three races, trophies were awarded as follows:

First, Dave Ivey and Robbie Bowers of Lake Sunapee.

Second, Bob Wescott and Rob Eberling of Seneca Lake

Third, Bob Wotton and John Barth of the local club.

All in all a good time was had with Lake George showing both its beauty and sometimes ruggedness!

Robert W. Mayer, Captain of NLGYC Star Fleet.

DO YOU LIKE OUR NEW LOOK?

Last month (September) we tried a different printer. We were not too happy with the printing on the recent copies of The Hague Chronicle. (We have a dot matrix printer.) Thanks to Gayle Halm, Sabbath Day Point, who is lucky enough to own a laser printer, we were able to turn out a highly legible copy. (I liked it so much I decided it should be on our WISH LIST.) With the support from our readers, we feel that this should be our next purchase.

We updated our computer a few months ago and with a great deal of help from friends, I am slowly getting used to it.

The Hague Chronicle office is located in my home on New Hague Road. It is well equipped with a MacIntosh computer, a typewriter, and a Mita copier. Visitors are always welcome, particularly if they are bringing news etc. The telephone number is 543-6633. News and changes of addresses can be called in if you so choose.

Right now in order to use the laser printer I must type the pages on the computer in my office, take it to Sabbath Day Point where we transfer them to Gayle's computer and she runs off a copy of each page on her laser printer. Then I bring the copies back to the office where I duplicate them on the copying machine. I run off about 750 copies (8 pages) , and then take the finished pages to the Community Center where we have a wonderful group of ladies and gentlemen who collate, staple, fold, label and stamp. I then breathe a sigh of relief and take a short vacation!

All of this is made possible through the generous contributions of our readers. We are open to suggestions and criticisms, particularly if they will help us publish a better paper. A final note - we LOVE what we do! . . . Dottie Henry, Publisher

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WINTER WEEKENDS

9-11 year olds December 15-16

12-13 year olds January 12-13

14-19 year olds February 9-10

WHAT IS A WINTER WEEKEND?

Nature hikes on snowshoes and/or cross country skis, a visit to a deer yard, ice fishing, learning winter woods lore and safety, meeting new friends and old and enjoying the heat of a wood burning stove.

LOCATION

4-H Camp Sacandaga, SSpeculator, NY where participants stay in the winterized Seabee Lodge.

TIME

10AM Sat. to 3PM Sunday

COST

A \$10 deposit must be paid at the time participants pre-register. \$5 of the deposit will be returned to those who participate. No money will be returned to those who do not participate. Participants bring their own food.

CHAPERONES

The trips are well chaperoned and led by an experienced Adirondack Guide and a certified Emergency Medical Technician. Adults who would like to assist are welcomed.

Contact the Cornell Coop. Ext. of Warren County office, HCR 02, Box 23B, Warrensburg, NY 12885. (1-800-727--8239.) Call NOW as there is a participation limit.

VOTING MACHINE INSPECTION

The voting machine for the Town of Hague will be open to the voters for the purpose of inspection and instruction on October 30, November 1st and 2nd from 1PM to 3PM at the Community Center. Custodians of the voting machine are Henry S. Leach and Lonnie Swinton

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNED

Fran Clifton who is in charge of refreshments for the second annual community Christmas party to be held at the Hague Community Center, hopes that the local ladies will start to plan their own specialty to donate for the reception. This year we are asking for finger sandwiches, party bread and Christmas cookies to go with the holiday punch and coffee which will be served from 4 - 7PM on December 15. If you need the food picked up, please call 543-6501.

ART EXHIBIT AT HANCOCK HOUSE

Beginning October 10 and continuing through November 12 the art museum at the Hancock House is featuring John James Audubon - The Man and His Works.

Seventeen Audubon lithographs from Loates edition of original graphics are on display. The new winter hours of the Hancock House are Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10AM to 4PM. Do stop in and see this most unusual exhibit.

WARREN - WASHINGTON COUNTY  
CAREGIVERS

The Warren and Washington County Elderly Coalition's "Caregivers" Sub-committee has just completed compiling the information for the Resource Guide for Caregivers of the Elderly. The booklet is scheduled for printing this month (September). Names and addresses of numerous agencies which provide both direct and support services to the elderly and their caregivers are listed in the publication. It is now available free of charge, thanks to a generous grant by the Glens Falls Foundation.

LANDFILL HOURS

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1990 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1991, THE HAGUE LANDFILL WILL BE OPEN FROM 12 NOON TO 5PM FIVE DAYS A WEEK. CLOSED MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.

A.P.A. TO OPEN SECOND INTERPRETIVE  
CENTER

The Adirondack Park Agency announced at its October meeting that its second Adirondack Park Interpretive Center at Newcomb will open following a formal dedicatory ceremony on Monday, October 15. The site, comprising more than 200 acres,

borders pristine Rich Lake and contains more than 3.5 miles of interpretive trails, a building housing an exhibit hall as well as an audiovisual presentation about the Adirondacks. A separate building of log construction houses classrooms for the Center's environmental education programs. The Agency's first center, located at Paul Smiths, opened in May 1989

BIDS ON RECYCLING BUILDING

According to John Breitenbach, Jr., Recycling coordinator for the town of Hague, bids have been received for the construction of a recycling building at the present landfill site. Contracts will be let within the next couple months.

The town has signed consent order to close the landfill, which will take place April 1, 1991. Arrangements for recycling, composting and transferral will be under way before that time. The recycling and transfer station weill be located at the landfill.

Auto batteries and household batteries are being accepted at the landfill; also pure use motor oil. The motor oil will be used in heating the building. It must be PURE USED OIL (no gasoline, etc.)

Composting is being started. Please separate your leaves from branches and twigs.

POINTS OF LIGHT TO SHINE ON WOMEN IN  
MILITARY MEMORIAL

A winning design featuring "10 points of light" atop the existing Hemicycle at the Memorial Gate entrance to Arlington National Cemetery has been selected for the Women in Military Service for American Memorial Foundation (WIMSA).

The triangular glass prism will serve as skylights during the day, bringing light into the Memorial Center. At night, the spires will glow softly, illuminating the memorial.

A cultural and educational center which will house a computer register of women veterans and a theater for multimedia presentations will be built behind the Hemicycle wall into the hillside.

The memorial, to be built without tax money will seek contributions to cover the anticipated \$25 million construction cost.

To learn how you can register yourself or a friend with the computer bank, write: WIMSA, Dept 560, Washington DC 20042-0560 or telephone (800) 222-2294.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS BENEFITS VETS

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## SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT

Laws affecting veterans receiving approval in 1990 include:

- \* Creation of a State Veterans Home within the city of N.Y.
- \* Elimination of the 10 year sunset provision on alternative real property tax exemption for veterans.
- \* Clarifies the exemption of Agent Orange settlement fund payments from consideration as income or resources under the means-tested state or state assisted programs.
- \* Extends the deadline to June 16, 1992, for bringing suit based on exposure to Agent Orange.
- \* Special license plates for survivors of the World War II attack on Pearl Harbor.
- \* Directs the Division of Veterans' Affairs to sponsor three seminars each year to advise aged veterans and their spouses on veterans benefits for which they may be eligible.
- \* Extends the application deadline until Sept. 1, 1992 for the State's Vietnam Veterans Tuition Assistance Program.
- \* Authorizes counties and other localities to exceed the \$950 maximum ceiling for burial of indigent veterans and their spouses. It also removes the \$200 ceiling for memorials for veterans and spouses.
- \* Designates June 25 as the annual date to observe Korean War Veterans Day.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1992 ADIRONDACK PARK CENTENNIAL

### POSTER CONTEST

Design a poster that represents the Adirondack Park in its Centennial Year. Prizes will be awarded for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Teachers are requested to select one poster from each class in each age group to enter in the contest. Write Centennial Headquarters for application blank. Winning posters will be displayed at selected Adirondack locations during the Centennial year.

### THREE ESSAY CONTESTS

The Centennial Committee is seeking short (max. 500 word) essays on three subjects. The winning essays will be reproduced in Adirondack weekly newspapers during 1992 or broadcast on local radio stations with the writer identified. Essays must be typed, double spaced, with the author's name on each page.

Topic 1 - Local History Essay Contet

Topic 2 - Historical Moments

Topic 3 - The Adirondack Park Today and Tomorrow

For information, contact Barbara McMartin, Chairman Centennial Committee, 80 Nordica Drive, Croton, NY 10520.

On July 16, 1989, the historic Spousal Impoverishment Law was signed. This law significantly improves the quality of life for New York's senior population. A senior will no longer have to worry about forcing his or her spouse into poverty should they require nursing home care. When the law was signed, the non-institutional spouse was allowed to keep \$60,000 in assets and up to \$1,500 in monthly income. Through the efforts of the Senate Majority, these levels are indexed to keep pace with inflation.

The new levels which are effective January 1, 1990, are \$62,580 in assets and \$1,565 for income.

## KELLEHER SAYS NO TO BOND ACT

In a recent newsletter Assemblyman Kelleher states the following about the bond act:

"The bulk of the \$1.975 billion bond is earmarked for land acquisition in the Catskills and Adirondacks and for local assistance for landfill closure and recycling programs.

"While we must address our environmental needs, we must also evaluate New York's ability to go more than \$3 billion further in debt.

"The interest alone on the bond would be \$1.95 billion, slightly less than the principle of the bond itself. Forty years from now our great grandchildren will still be paying off this bond. . . . New York is already \$49 billion in debt. That is \$17.7 billion more than the next highest state. . .

"The Governor has also shifted \$210 million in routine maintenance projects out of the state's general fund budget into the environmental bond. We would be borrowing money for the bathhouse repair at Jones Beach and repaving parking lots just to make general fund spending appear to be less. These short-term projects should not be funded through long-term borrowing.

"The outcome of the bond rests with you, the voters. For the reasons I have stated, I plan to vote against the bond. I feel New York cannot meet its existing financial obligations and clearly cannot afford to add to them. The state's economic health hinges on our ability to climb out of debt - not sink deeper.

"Regardless of your position on this important matter, I urge you to become informed. Read about the environmental bond act and think about its advantages and disadvantages."

SOUNDINGS

SENATOR STAFFORD REPORTS

**BORN** - A boy, Alex Lee, to Claudia and Darrel Fuller, Hague on October 11. Paternal grandmother is Gladys Rockwell; great-grandparents, Inza and Ernest Jordon, all of Hague. Maternal grandparents are Margaret Garrand and Jim Body of Ticonderoga.

**MARRIED** - Martha DeLarm, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James DeLarm, Hague, to Stephen Davis, son of Mr. Donald Davis, Hague, on September 15 in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Hague by Father Richard Broderick.

**MARRIED** - Jane Derrick and Thomas Biron at The Hague Baptist Church, on September 29 at 2PM by Rev. David Lawrence. The Biron's are frequent guests at Trout House Village Resort.

**MARRIED** - Diane Gaynor and Fred Bauer, Mt. Holly, NJ. on October 6 at 10AM on the Trout House Village dock by Rev. David Lawrence. The Bauers are building a house on Dodd Hill Road.

**SHIRLEY SMITH**, New Hague Road won third place for distinction in a recent art exhibit of local artists at the Hancock House Gallery. Her painting was entitled "Sunrise".

Ginger Henry-Kuenzel, daughter of Mrs. John T. Henry, Hague, was recently appointed editor-in-chief of the magazine *Munich Found*, a magazine for English speaking people visiting or living in Munich, Germany and vicinity.

**REV. DAVID LAWRENCE**, pastor Hague Baptist Church was recently elected president of the Ticonderoga Clergy Assoc.

TICONDEROGA PLANETARIUM

The Ticonderoga Planetarium at the Ticonderoga High School presented the annual Fall Stargazer's Show on October 15. The seasonal Stargazer's Shows are informal sessions for the public to learn the positions of the planets, stars, and constellations of the sky.

The dates of other planetarium programs at the Ticonderoga Planetarium are:

- Tuesday, Nov. 6 - The Dawn of Astronomy
- Tuesday, Dec. 4 - The Star of Bethlehem
- Wednesday, Jan 16 - Winter Stargazer's Show
- Thursday, Feb 28 - COSMOS
- Monday, March 11 - Astronomy Day - Deep Sky Objects - Bring your telescope!
- Thursday, Apr 25 - Spring Stargazer's Show
- Wednesday, May 15 - Planets, Meteors, and Mosquitos

All shows begin promptly at 7:30PM. Doors open at 7PM. There is no admission charged. Any groups interested in a special program are encouraged to call Planetarium Director, David Rutkowski, at 585-6661.

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During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships are called the Nina, The Pinta and the Santa Fe. Later the Pilgrims crossed the Ocean, and that was called the Pilgrim's Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they were greeted by Indians, who came down the hill rolling their war hoops before them. The Indian squabs carried porposies on their back. Many of the Indian heroes were killed, along with their cabooses, which proved very fatal to them. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.

... From *The World According to Student Bloopers* .

**NO MORATORIUM, NO ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR ADIRONDACK PARK TO BE PROPOSED**

"I am pleased to report that, as a consequence of our efforts, no legislation proposing additional restrictions for the Adirondack Park was considered by the Legislature this year.

"The Report's recommendations were, unfortunately, too extreme. If enacted, they would have severely restricted the sphere of legitimate economic activity and therewith the right to acquire and dispose of one's property according to one's judgement.

"The proposed recommendations would also have weakened local self-government and therewith the right to government by consent.

"William Chapman White once said, 'People have come to the Adirondacks with varied motives - for wealth, a career, a refuge, or inspiration. And some have just come for the summer.'

"The Adirondack Park is varied enough for all."

"I continue to strongly support measures that will strengthen and increase the ranks of volunteer fire companies and emergency medical services units, and I have re-introduced the necessary legislation.

"The measures include a bill that would amend the tax law to grant volunteers a personal income tax deduction of two thousand dollars.

"Another bill would allow volunteers a credit against their personal income tax for the costs of motor fuel used in the performance of their duties.

"These measures will offer incentives to potential volunteers and provide some compensation for those who already give so freely of themselves.

Volunteer firefighters and rescue squads are vital to the provision of services in the North Country.

"It is therefore particularly important that we do everything possible to make their jobs a little easier."

"Emergency telephone service has returned to the Northway. Now, should it ever be necessary, a motorist will be able to communicate directly with a State Police dispatcher, thus ensuring prompt service. Tourists, unfamiliar with the area, will feel more secure, as we ourselves surely will, particularly on those long winter nights when waiting for a family member to return."

"Governor Cuomo has approved legislation I cosponsored that will help repair New York's financially troubled health care delivery system.

"Under the new law, hospitals will be reimbursed more adequately for the costs of providing certain kinds of care; thus helping us keep our hospitals open and enabling them to continue to provide the public with quality health care.

"The bill also establishes a basic health insurance program for needy children.

"Operators of snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles can be charged with vehicular assault or vehicular manslaughter for injuries caused while driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol."

"Children are more vulnerable than adults; nevertheless, when an individual assaults a child with an intent to cause physical injury, he is charged with the same crime that he would be if he had assaulted an adult. This law remedies this by elevating the level of criminal conduct if the victim is less than 13 years of age and the perpetrator is over 18 years of age."

**INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE:** This increase is the first change in the minimum wage in nine years. Under the new law, the minimum wage for non-agricultural workers was increased to \$3.80 an hour on April 1, 1990, and will rise to \$4.25 an hour on April 1, 1991.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1990

October

- 17 LGPC meeting - 3:30PM - Community Center
- 17 Program at Black Watch Library-7:30PM (p2)
- 17 School Board - 7:30PM - THS
- 18 Carillon Garden Club - Church of the Cross - 11AM
- 18 Hague Historical Society - 7:30PM - Comm. Ctr (p2)
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30PM - Comm. Ctr.
- 30 Inspection of Voting Machine - 1-3PM-Comm. Ctr

November

- 1 & 2 - Voting machine inspection (p4)
  - 1 Planning Board - 7:30PM - Comm. Ctr.
  - 6 Mohican Home Bureau - 20AM
  - 6 ELECTION DAY - Polls open 6AM - 9PM
  - 6 Planetarium program - 7:30PM - THS (p7)
  - 13 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM - Comm. Ctr.
  - 20 Fish & Game Club - 7:30PM - Clubhouse
- Veterans' representative is in Community Center each Thursday at 11:30AM. Call first.

THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER

Tis the last rose of summer  
 Left blooming alone;  
 A ll her lovely companions  
 Are faded and gone;  
 No flower of her kindred,  
 No rose-bud is nigh,  
 To reflect back her blushes,  
 Or give sigh for sigh

I'll not leave thee, thou lone one!  
 To pine on the stem;  
 Since the lovely are sleeping,  
 Go, sleep thou with them.  
 Thus kindly I scetter  
 Thy leaves o'er the bed  
 Where thy mates of the garden  
 Lie scentless and dead.

So soon may I follow,  
 When friendships decay,  
 And from Love's shining circle  
 The gems drop away.  
 When true hearts lie withered,  
 And fond ones are flown,  
 O! who would inhabit  
 This bleak world alone?

---Thomes More

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